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Thefts from Vehicles

Over the past month, the Coos Bay Police Department has seen a rise in thefts from motor vehicles throughout the City. In many of these thefts, the vehicle was left unlocked and the valuables were in plain view. Some examples of items taken during these thefts include:

- 1) Purses and Wallets
- 2) Money
- 3) Cellular Telephones
- 4) GPS and other navigation systems
- 5) Electronic devices such as IPODS and MP3 players
- 6) Fuel

Chief Gary McCullough and the Coos Bay Police Department would like to remind citizens to please take the following precautions in securing vehicles:

- 1) Lock your vehicle
- 2) Make sure windows are completely up and secured
- 3) Lock passenger compartments inside of your vehicle such as the glove box and center console
- 4) Never leave valuable items in plain view. Remove the items from the vehicle or secure them in the trunk
- 5) Park in well-lit areas whenever possible

The Coos Bay Police Department is asking citizens to be aware of their surroundings and report any suspicious activity such as unfamiliar persons and/or vehicles in the area. Carefully observe the suspicious person's physical features including the individual's sex, approximate age, height, weight, build, clothing, and anything else that would help the police identify the person. Writing down the license plate number of suspicious vehicles and reporting it to the Coos Bay Police Department is extremely helpful.

An officer will respond to the area for calls regarding suspicious persons and/or activity. Those reports are then recorded and may help our department and other local departments identify a suspect(s). Often the same individual is involved in committing multiple crimes of this type.

Being proactive and reporting suspicious persons and/or incidents is extremely helpful in identifying criminal activity and solving crime. The non-emergency number to report suspicious activity is 541-269-8911. If you believe a crime is in progress, please call 911.

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